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Dear Mr. Wilson:

SUBMITTAL OF PERMIT DESIGN PACKAGE NO. HLW-004, REVISION 0, FOR THE WASTE TREATMENT AND IMMOBILIZATION PLANT (WTP)

Reference:

WA7890008967, "Dangerous Waste Portion of the Hanford Facility Resource

Conservation and Recovery Act Permit for the Treatment, Storage, and Disposal of

Dangerous Waste, Chapter 10 and Attachment 51, 'Waste Treatment and

Immobilization Plant."

This letter transmits Permit Design Package HLW-004, Revision 0, "HLW Canister Decontamination Handling System (HDH) for HLW Facility El. -21 and 0 ft.," for the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) review and approval.

The attached HLW Vitrification Facility permit package provides the information necessary for Ecology to confirm that the structures, equipment, and processes described in the permit package will comply with the reference. This information will allow Ecology to permit the installation of the Waste Neutralization Vessel (HDH-VSL-0003), Canister Rinse Bogie Decon Vessel (HDH-VSL-00001), and Canister Decon Vessels for Melters 1 and 2 (HDH-VSL-00002 and HDH-VSL-00004, respectively) comprising the HDH.

A summary description of the permit design package is included in Attachment 1. Attachment 2 provides the permit design package, and Attachment 3 provides the Bechtel National Inc. and U.S. Department of Energy certification statements.

Dangerous Waste Permit (DWP) package submittals are certified coincident with issuance of the integrity assessment report contained in the package. Permit affecting design changes not included in, or occurring after issuance of, the final integrity assessment report will be processed in accordance with DWP requirements for permit modification prior to construction or installation of affected equipment and components. Installation of equipment and components will be done in accordance with permit packages approved and incorporated into the DWP by Ecology.

Due to the potential sensitivity of the attached engineering information, Ecology is requested to place the data for public review in the standard information repositories, but not provide electronic dissemination of the information.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Lori A. Huffman, Environmental Division, (509) 376-0104.

Sincerely,

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